GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INTER-STATE COUNCIL MEETING
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

the details of deliberations held and the decisions arrived at the Ninth Inter-State Council Meeting held recently?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

The 9th meeting of the Inter-State Council held on 28th June, 2005 deliberated on three agenda items: (i) Blue Print of Action Plan on Good Governance, (ii)disaster Management-Preparedness of States to cope with Disasters, and (iii) Implementation Report on the decisions taken by the Council on the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission.

There was general consensus on the Good Governance Reforms as contained in the Blue Print. All members of the Council expressed collective resolve for promoting Good Governance. The necessity of the institutional structures based on the test of efficiency, effectiveness and accountability in managing the programmes was emphasized and it was observed that only such institutional mechanisms would turn outlays into desired outcomes. It was also observed that Good Governance Reforms Agenda and deliberations of the Council would reinforce the common desire of Good Governance and enable all the Governments to take practical and meaningful steps for achieving this goal.

It was also unanimously felt that the Governments at all levels should put in their might together to mitigate the effects of disasters and gear up the entire machinery to provide timely relief and succour to the people. The need for strengthening the advance warning systems was also accepted by all.